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- 1. JAPANESE DEL REQUESTS IN REFDOC C THAT US RECONSIDER OBJECTION REFCASE. REFDOC C STATES THAT MELTING CAPACITY OF FURNACE WHEN SUPER-ALLOYS INVOLVED IS LIMITED TO 5 TONS BY CAPACITY OF VACUUM INDUCTION MELTING FURNACE AND BY SEGREGATION PROBLEM, (FLECKER) ARISING IN A VACUUM ARC MELTING FURNACE OF 10 TONS OR MORE (INGOT DIAMETER 88 MM OR MORE) THUS MAKING IT IMPOSSIBLE TO OBTAIN BEST QUALITY INGOT. SEGREGATION-FREE INGOT CAN ONLY BE PRODUCED FOR QUANTITIES UP TO 5 TONS (INGOT DIAMETER 650 MM).
- 2. IN VACUUM ARC MELTING FURNACE PUMPING RESISTANCE IS LARGE BECAUSE THE SPACE BETWEEN ELECTRODE AND MOLD WALL IS SMALL. THE PRESSURE IN THE MELTING ZONE IS KEPT TO AROUND 1-5 TORV AND CANNOT BE IMPROVED NO MATTER HOW LARGE A PUMPING SYSTEM MAY BE USED. THE DEGASSING EFFECT IS THEREFORE LIMITED. FOR THIS REASON THE PROPOSED FURNACE IS EQUIPPED WITH AN CONFIDENTIAL

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ORDINARY PUMPING SYSTEM COMPRISING MECHANICAL BOOSTER

AND ROTARY PUMPS.

3. CONSIDERING THESE LIMITATIONS, JAPANESE DEL MAINTAINS THAT THIS FURNACE WOULD NOT BE USED FOR SUPERALLOY MELTING PURPOSES.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS ON REFCASE AS APPROPRIATE. KATZ

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